

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those educational programs found throughout the Show-Me State which admirably illustrate standards, goals, and practices that have led to unparalleled success by students in their educational pursuits; and

Whereas, Lawson Elementary School has attained distinction in the Hazelwood School District for its achievements in the area of MAP testing; and

Whereas, on the 2003 MAP test eighty-two percent of Lawson Elementary students were rated Proficient or Advanced in science, a seventeen percent improvement; and

Whereas, forty-six percent of Lawson Elementary students placed in the Proficient or Advanced levels in social sciences, a four percent improvement which was accompanied by ten percent of the students moving out of the bottom levels; and

Whereas, ninety-six percent of Lawson third graders scored at the Satisfactory or better level in reading which is another indicator that Lawson Elementary School is worthy of its 2003 state of Missouri Exemplary Reading Program Award from the International Reading Association; and

Whereas, most significant of all is the news that there are no students who scored in Step 1 in any of the curricular areas of communication arts, mathematics, science, and social studies; and

Whereas, Lawson Elementary School is home to more than 400 students whose educational opportunities are supervised and devised by thirty-one certificated staff; and

Whereas, the Hazelwood School District contains a total of nineteen elementary schools in which approximately 10,000 students are taught by more than 700 teachers:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the steadily increasing MAP scores attained by students at Lawson Elementary School and to convey to all of those involved, especially administrators, teachers, students, and parents, this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations and our best wishes for continued success now and in the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Lawson Elementary School in the Hazelwood School District.

Offered by _____
Representative Clint Zweifel
District No. 78

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4081, adopted September 17, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker